

A TRIBUTE TO THE SOROPTIMIST
INTERNATIONAL OF GLENDALE

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Soroptimist International of Glendale upon its seventy-fifth anniversary.

With approximately 76,000 members in over 120 countries, Soroptimist International is a global women's organization targeted at empowering women both socially and economically. The organization is not only a respected authority on women's issues, it is also the only women's service club that has consultative status with the Economic and Social Council at the United Nations.

Among its many worthwhile endeavors, Soroptimist International provides financial support to allow women to improve their skills and employment prospects. Each year, Soroptimist International awards more than \$1.6 million in education grants to more than 1,200 women, many of whom have overcome domestic violence, poverty and drug and alcohol abuse.

Since its founding on April 16, 1943, the Glendale chapter has continued the great work of this far-reaching organization. Established fourteen years ago by member Kathy Lefkovits, Bras for a Cause is an event where members decorate bras to raise funds for the Glendale club. Funds raised have benefited charities that enrich the lives of women and girls, including Breast Cancer Services at Glendale Adventist Medical Center, Verdugo Hills Hospital and Glendale Memorial Hospital.

The assistance that Soroptimist International of Glendale has provided to the community is outstanding, and the residents of the Los Angeles area have benefited greatly from their exceptional efforts. At this time, I ask all members to join with me in commending the Soroptimist International of Glendale for its seventy-five years of dedicated service to the Los Angeles community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF OFFICER
CHASE MADDOX

HON. JODY B. HICE

OF GEORGIA

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Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Officer Chase Maddox, a brave Locust Grove Police Department officer who was killed on February 9, 2018, while assisting two Henry County Sheriff deputies who were dispatched to answer a minor, routine call that turned violent.

Mr. Speaker, Chase Maddox, a graduate of Ola High School in McDonough, Georgia, was only 26 years old when his life was taken. Known as a smart and charismatic young man, Officer Maddox dedicated himself to his family and service to our community. He leaves behind his wife, Alex, and two young sons, one of whom was delivered just four

days after Chase passed away. I'm praying for his widow, that precious new life, their family, and future, and I know that I am joined by many, many more whose hearts also go out to this grieving, young family.

Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, hundreds of mourners filled pews, hallways, and overflow rooms at Glen Haven Baptist Church, standing in salute to this fallen officer. The outreach from family, friends, and strangers in the area has been overwhelming, and I'm proud of the fortitude and encouragement displayed by our neighborhood.

Mr. Speaker, our law enforcement officers deserve the respect of all Americans for putting their lives on the line on a daily basis in order to keep us safe. I ask my colleagues to join me in a moment of silence and prayer to honor the life of Officer Chase Maddox, who will be sorely missed by so many in the 10th District of Georgia.

CONGRATULATING BETH
ZACHARY, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, ADVENTIST HEALTH, AND
PRESIDENT AND CEO, ADVENTIST
HEALTH, SOUTHERN CALI-
FORNIA REGION

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

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Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Beth Zachary on her retirement from Adventist Health. Since 2011, she has led the Adventist Health Southern California Region (AHSCR), and for the past three years has served as its President and CEO, chairing the hospital boards at Adventist Health (AH) Bakersfield, Glendale, Simi Valley, and White Memorial. After a 37-year career of outstanding commitment and dedication at Adventist Health, Beth officially retired on January 31, 2018.

A successful health care services executive, Beth Zachary has spent over thirty years in health care services, business development, and marketing and communications. As President and CEO of the AHSCR, she was committed to coordinating care, eliminating redundancies, reducing costs, optimizing resources, and producing outstanding outcomes throughout the region, on behalf of a health care environment that increasingly rewards efficiency and coordination. The AHSCR is comprised of Glendale Adventist Medical Center, Simi Valley Hospital, San Joaquin Community Hospital, and White Memorial Medical Center.

Previously, as President and CEO of White Memorial Medical Center, a 353-bed not-for-profit teaching hospital in the densely populated community of Boyle Heights just east of downtown Los Angeles, Beth's positive influence, keen business sense, and community commitments were a significant driving force behind the hospital's growth into one of the most advanced medical centers in the greater Los Angeles region.

Under Beth's leadership, White Memorial completed a ten-year campus rebuilding project. The new hospital not only provides

state-of-the-art technology and services, it also meets California's rigorous new seismic safety standards.

Beth guided the vision and strategic direction of White Memorial, and oversaw successful efforts to put the hospital at the forefront of clinical quality, service, and leadership among healthcare organizations. White Memorial has been identified as one of California's top performers in organizational excellence and quality, earning multiple awards and other recognition for exceptional performance and for dedication to continuous improvement.

Additionally, under Beth's leadership, White Memorial developed numerous community partnerships to meet critical local needs. These included a scholarship program with The East Los Angeles Community Union (TELACU) and Rio Hondo College that benefits youth and has helped ease the region's nursing shortage.

Beth participated on the boards of a number of state and regional organizations that focus on strengthening health care services, including the Private Essential Access Community Hospitals (PEACH). In addition, she participated on the boards of AH Physicians Network, AH Physicians Network-IPA, Glendale Adventist Medical Center, San Joaquin Community Hospital, Simi Valley Hospital, White Memorial Medical Center, and White Memorial Charitable Foundation.

Beth resides in Pasadena with her husband Jim and their daughter Alexandra, and she holds a master's degree in management from Claremont Graduate School in Claremont, California.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in thanking and congratulating Beth Zachary for her many years of exemplary leadership and outstanding service to our community. Let us wish her many happy years of retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ

OF ILLINOIS

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Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House chamber for roll call votes 79 and 80 on Thursday, February 15, 2018. Had I been present, I would have voted "Yea" on roll call vote 79 and "Nay" on roll call vote 80.

Had I been present for roll call vote 80, on final passage of the ADA Education and Reform Act of 2017 (H.R. 620), I would have voted nay due to the vast setbacks this bill poses for the disability community. As a civil rights issue, the ADA Education and Reform Act would gut protections and key enforcements for an already vulnerable population. The onus falls on businesses to be proactive and to follow proper guidelines to ensure access for all. I particularly find troubling the "notice and cure" provisions detailed in the bill, which allows businesses to postpone compliance and fundamentally changes the American with Disabilities Act.